MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) The functions of the Taluk Committee are to collaborate with the Officials in the purchase of paddy, distribution of foodgrains and to furnish information regarding scarcity of foodgrains or mal-adjustments, if any, in particular localities and to render such assistance as is possible in the securing of excess stocks.

(*b*) No. They have been nominated by Government.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Would the Government think that it would be more useful to have non-officials on the Advisory committee?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: There are non-officials already on the Advisory Committee.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Why should they not be elected? Further, is there a proposal to elect members?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Not at present.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: Would there be much expenditure if the procedure of election is resorted to?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, there might be.

Purchase and sale of food grains.

20. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the business of purchase and sale of food grains in the years 1117, 1118 and 1119 was financed from "current revenues" or "surpluses" or by raising loans;

(*b*) the amount invested from each of those heads; and

(*c*) if loans were raised,

(i) how they were raised;

(ii) the party or parties from whom they were raised;

(iii) the terms and dates on which they were raised; and

(iv) whether they are subsisting today?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) The programme of purchase and sale of foodgrains was being financed from the cash balances of Government, supplemented when found necessary, by short term overdrafts from the Imperial Bank of India on favourable terms.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

Loan raised for the purchase of food grains.

21. *MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government had to raise any loan to finance the purchase of food grains; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative:

(i) what is the amount so raised;

(ii) rate of interest on the loan;

(iii) from where the Government raised the loan;

(iv) what are the conditions of loan so raised; and

(v) what is the amount so raised from outside the State of Travancore?

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